



Whiteman authorities remove four workers

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Four undocumented workers were taken into custody March 16 by base, local and federal officials. The illegal aliens were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for them to handle according to their policies, said Lt. Col. Chuck Douglass, 509th Security Forces Squadron commander.

"The joint law enforcement community here at Whiteman was already working a joint effort with ICE and the 509th SFS when we received an anonymous tip that there were possibly illegal immigrants working on base," said Special Agent Mark Ferrero, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 207 commander. "This was a great example of Team Whiteman pulling together. While the AFOSI and ICE were lead agencies, we could not have pulled this off without the bulk of the manpower coming from the 509th SFS."

Also ensuring a successful operation was the U.S. Department of Labor; Johnson County, Mo., Sheriff's Office; Missouri Highway Patrol and Department

of Defense Division of Criminal Investigative Services; the 509th Civil Engineering Squadron; the 509th Communications Squadron; the 1/135 Attack Battalion; and members from the 509 Bomb Wing staff judge advocate's office, which provided legal guidance.

The apprehensions are some of the latest in ICE's effort to remove illegal immigrants employed at sensitive sites and critical infrastructure locations. These include: airports, seaports, nuclear plants, chemical plants and defense facilities. By conducting these operations, ICE and the military can protect the resources and people who safeguard the safety and security of the nation.

"Whiteman remains an extremely secure place to work and live. The 509th SFS, OSI and local law enforcement authorities will continue to work together closely to realize any threat to the installation and take appropriate measures to protect the people of Whiteman," Colonel Douglass said. "Whiteman does not have a problem with illegal immigrants, and through steps like the one seen in this operation, we will keep it that way."

The big dig



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Left to right: Congressman Ike Skelton, of Missouri's 4th District, Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Judy Vanboening, Child Development Center director, and Army Col. Michael Rossi, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District commander, prepare to "break ground" during a CDC ground breaking ceremony Tuesday. The new CDC, which will be located at the corner of Ellsworth Lane and Houx Drive, will have a capacity of 198 children. The 7.4 million dollar facility will be 22,550 square feet and is scheduled for completion in February 2007.

Airman Battle Uniform finalized, ready for production

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

"We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain," he said. "We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn't need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain."

Also, Airmen's feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

"We listened to the Airmen's request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable," General Allardice said. "It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt, and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones."

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with

four soft earth tones consisting of tan, grey, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed?

"Absolutely not," he said. "Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer, and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform."

He speaks from personal experience and added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

"I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it," General Allardice said. "We don't want people putting an iron to it."

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

"We're making them available in more sizes to fit the body better," he said. "We've taken the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women."

Some other ABU accessory items:

■ A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and Air Force written on the back.

■ Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available

in men's and women's sizes.

■ The word color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan color thread.

■ The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

"This is the uniform of the future," General Allardice said. "Eventually when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms."

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.



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Air Force Quiz

When was the B-2 declared fully operation capable?

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Air Force Quiz answer

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing commander

Tornado Aftermath

Last week, we had an unpleasant taste of weather's unpredictable—and powerful—effects.

The four tornadoes that came within miles of Whiteman did severe damage to the homes and belongings of five Whiteman families. The good news: they did things right—took shelter properly—and weren't significantly injured.

Even more good news is the way other Whiteman people exemplified the wingman concept. Many of you as individuals and as part of your units assisted in the clean up efforts and provided much-needed support to those who lost property.

Thank you for watching out for each other and for taking quick and effective action. We can't do much about the weather, but this was a lesson in dealing with the bad (by proper shelter) and rebuilding the good (as part of the Air Force family)!

Finally, remember that we still have much of the tornado season ahead of us, so please—**know** and **follow** your weather emergency procedures.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

In 25 years in the Air Force, I've never seen a better, more motivated team of professionals than we have at Whiteman.

Even among such great folks, however, we occasionally have incidents in the



Courtesy photo

A tornado passes by Whiteman March 12. For more information about responding to a tornado, check out Pages 12-13 in the March 10 issue of the *Spirit Times* online at www.whiteman.af.mil/news/index.shtml.

dorms, in parking lots, on our computer networks, and in our housing and work centers where people forget that teamwork.

When that happens, and people intentionally or unintentionally hurt those around them, we all lose.

So whether it's respecting the physical person of another Airman, avoiding a dangerous prank, or just turning a harsh word into an encouraging one—**respect** for each other is critical. It's what keeps us together and makes us the team that America needs!

Kids on an upward vector

We talk about taking care of families in the Air Force, and this week we started a

project that makes money where the talk is!

On Tuesday, our Air Force started a project that will provide a world-class facility for almost 200 of our children to safely play and learn while their parents work as part of Team Whiteman.

Mrs. Judy Vanboening, director of the Child Development Center, and the great people she works with to take care of children at our current, badly-worn facility can tell you that this new building will be very welcomed.

It will take a while to take shape, but it will be a great place for the children who make our service meaningful.

Thanks to all who made the groundbreaking ceremony happen!



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March 20, 2006

Letter to Airmen: Operation Iraqi Freedom Anniversary

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

Yesterday marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime.

This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea, and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices ... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work. In OIF, within the Joint Force, our Total Force - active, guard, and reserve Airmen - grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days.

Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops.

And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Commanders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base defense and convoy operations.

Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years - since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations. And although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this Long War.

The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our Nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world—where we have a vital role. Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front, and that's good. That means we are doing our job well. You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities.

By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win our nations' wars - and you're doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you. You are helping to rebuild countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm's way. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard. You are the most combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen since WWII. You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace - you are always there.

Thanks for all that you're doing - it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us. Keep it up and keep 'em flying!

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General, USAF
Chief of Staff

9er Line
Response

Question: I have a concern about the continuous power outages around Summit Drive a couple of weeks ago. Why weren't we informed that there were going to be power outages? Why did it go out three to six hours at a time?

The electrical power outages that some Whiteman residents experienced a couple of weeks ago were not scheduled. They were caused by several problems that existed with an electrical feeder serving a specific area of base housing. Although it's rare to have multiple outages, trees blown down from the storm caused the electrical feeder to trip off several times, resulting in the loss of power every few hours. All the problems identified in the electrical feeder were fixed and there aren't any further problems or unscheduled outages expected. Our base civil engineers try very hard to minimize inconvenience to residents. If a power outage is required for essential maintenance, it is planned weeks in advance with notification to all affected customers. For unscheduled outages, CE's goal is expedient response and restoration of power as soon as possible without endangering the safety of base residents and repair crew members. If you have questions regarding a power outage on base, please call 687-6350.

Newsline

Chapel hosts free weekly Lenten lunches

Lenten Lunches are provided free of charge each Wednesday through Easter at the Chapel. Daily mass for Catholics and a devotional for Protestants begin at 11:30 a.m., with homemade soup and breads served at noon.

This is open to everyone. Contact the chapel at 687-3652 for more information.

Exercise Planned

An exercise will be conducted here through early April. Local residents and base members may see and hear exercise activity during day and night time hours, which will include the use of blank ammunition, noise producing simulators and smoke.

Exercise operations will not inconvenience local residents. An environmental assessment has determined that there will be no significant environmental effects. For more information, call public affairs at 687-6123.

New procedures for tuition assistance

Due to recent updates to the education services database, all tuition assistance must be accomplished online through the Air Force Virtual Education Center. The value of AFVEC is its "use it from anywhere" capability.

The base training and education services office can assist in learning how to use AFVEC and the Air Force Portal in the following ways:

- If having difficulty accessing the portal, come to the education center and we will issue the TA and you can sign it. When able to gain access to the portal you will digitally sign the TA.

- Logon to AFVEC through the portal and use the "apply for TA link" from work or from home.

- Visit the education center and use a workstation provided by us.

For more information, call the base training and education center at 687-5750.

BX shoppers can add names to buddy list

A click of the mouse can bring the latest news and information from the Whiteman Base Exchange to your personal computer.

Subscribers to the "BX Buddy List" are automatically updated via e-mail approximately two times per month about sales promotions and other special events happening at the retail location.

To sign up for the buddy list, authorized shoppers must provide their e-mail address and sign a form available at the customer service desk located at the back of the store. The BX respects your privacy.

E-mail addresses of the subscribers will not be found in the weekly bulk e-mail, you will only see your address located on the e-mail as will other valued customers.

Honoring those who serve

The Kansas City Royals baseball team has extended its special Military Appreciation Ticket Program for the 2006 season.

Fans with a valid military photo ID can receive up to four complimentary tickets for all Sunday-Thursday home games, based on availability (excluding Opening Day and the Cardinals Series).

Tickets will only be distributed on game days at Kauffman Stadium's Guest Ticket Window, which opens 90 minutes prior to game time.

For more details, call Curt Nelson at (816) 504-4337.

Inspection team evaluates security programs

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Dennis Angier
509th Bomb Wing

The 509th Bomb Wing's B-2 security program, consisting of physical, industrial, computer and personnel security, was evaluated for compliance March 14-16.

A combined team of five inspectors from the Air Combat Command Advance Programs Office conducted a special access program review here.

"Inspectors dug deep into the security process utilizing a 500-item checklist reviewing how well the wing complies with national security policies and directives to protect special access program information," said Mr. Gerry Harley, 509th BW program security manager.

The wing received an overall base rating of satisfactory, with an individual rating of excellent in the area of computer security.

Mr. Chris Hoover, one of the inspectors, said that in his experience, no wing has received an excellent rating in the area of computer security.

"The wing program security office is performing admirably and is extremely knowledgeable of the (security) requirements," said Senior Master Sgt. Sandy Rebelo, ACC advance programs office and chief of the inspection team.

The four-person PSM staff ensures security oversight and daily security management of SAP activity within the wing. These functions were evaluated during the inspection:

- Security management
- Security planning
- Personnel security
- Accountability
- Reproduction
- Destruction
- Physical security
- Access control
- Transmission security
- Computer security



Mr. Steve Lengfellner, 13th Bomb Squadron, Captain Darrell Williams, 394th Combat Training Squadron, and Mr. Bob Ridenour, L3 Communication link simulation and training review documents.

- Security education
- Guard force
- Contracting

To prepare for these inspections, units perform self inspections based on current security guidance and policy, which was noted by the inspection team to be exemplary. The PSM office then follows up with scheduled annual program reviews of SAP activities to ensure compliance.

"This inspection would not have been successful without the support of Team Whiteman," Mr. Harley said.

Exceptional Performers

The Air Combat Command Advance Programs Office evaluation team named three exceptional performers during the March 14-16 inspection here. They were:

- **Steve Lengfellner**, 13th Bomb Squadron, for exceptional overall security management for responsible areas.

- **Bob Ridenour**, L3 Communication link simulation and training, top secret control officer handling process was simple but accurate and facilitated operations.

- **Captain Darrell Williams**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, is recognized by the bomb wing program security management office as outstanding for his security management of the 394th CTS.

'Phishing' scam targets Thrift Savings Plan participants

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said today.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Mr. Trabucco said.

"Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Invest-

ment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials wrote in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and

ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and servicemembers, Mr. Trabucco said. Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating.

Tips to help protect financial information

- **Never provide personal financial information, including your Social Security number, account numbers or passwords, over the phone or the Internet if you did not initiate the contact.**

- **Never click on the link provided in an e-mail you believe is fraudulent. It may contain a virus that can contaminate your computer.**

- **Do not be intimidated by an e-mail or caller who suggests dire consequences if you do not immediately provide or verify financial information.**

- **If you believe the contact is legitimate, go to the**

company's Web site by typing in the site address directly or using a page you have previously bookmarked, instead of a link provided in the e-mail.

- **If you fall victim to an attack, act immediately to protect yourself. Alert your financial institution. Place fraud alerts on your credit files. Monitor your credit files and account statements closely.**

- **Report suspicious e-mails or calls to the Federal Trade Commission through the Internet at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT. (Courtesy of www.occ.treas.gov)**

*Chief's Perspective*

Change ... are you ready?

By Chief Master Sgt. Don Carney
509th Services Squadron superintendent

As we progress through the next several years in the Air Force, there will be many changes in structure and the way we do business.

As I look back over the years and think about the myriad of changes, it's pretty incredible. We've gone through an automation revolution that has changed the Air Force forever.

Technology has advanced so far that the things we used to think were unimaginable are part of our everyday life now.

So how do you prepare for change?

Preparing for change is probably one of the most important and overlooked aspects of change. All too often we arrive at the

new way of doing business and say "That's not the way it used to be." Then, after we see it's not going away, we adapt.

Mindset and approach can be our number one ally when change is on the horizon.

How many times have you heard, "If they would have had the right mindset," or "If they would have used this approach," the new issue for the day would have gone a whole lot better.

Well, it's up to all of us to work on the mindset. We must do some self-assess-

ment to make sure we are ready for upcoming change.

How much research have we done on the subject? How well-versed are we to discuss the issue with subordinates, peers, fellow Airmen and the community as a whole? Our mindset will have a positive impact if we take the time to answer these questions.

In the late 1980s, when we were installing the first user computers, I remember people saying, "this is just a phase, it will go away" ... well, we see where we are today with automation. It's

in every part of our life.

Once we self-assess and work on our mindset, how we approach change the day it unfolds will set the stage for success. Embracing change means having a vision of how you see things when the change is implemented.

If our approach is to see what we can do to make change work and then executing that vision, we'll be successful.

As we look to the future, it's so important as Airmen to understand that change will always be on the way.

If we didn't have change, we would not have the dynamic Air Force we have today.

Our preparedness over the years for change is what has allowed us to become the world's most lethal Air Force ... are you prepared?

“As we look to the future, it is so important as Airmen to understand that change will always be on the way.”

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Women:

Building communities, dreams

By Airman 1st Class Kara Torres

1st Operations Support Group

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN)—Since the beginning of time, women have played an important role in human existence. We are daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, mentors and teachers.

Mothers can magically heal a “boo-boo” with a kiss and a bandage; they say the right things to mend a broken heart or provide a hug or a shoulder to cry on.

But women are not only emotional, loving creatures.

When American Soldiers were sent to the world’s aid in World War I, women stepped up to the plate to take care of America, rear children, take care of the home— all while manufacturing and shipping desperately needed items for the war.

Passionate women have also disguised themselves as men in order to be a part of worthy causes, such as Joan of Arc during the French Revolution or Sarah Emma Edmonds (a.k.a. Frank Thompson) in the American Civil War.

History is loaded with headlines regarding women making a difference in the world and leaving their mark in the hearts of people forever. My focus is on the Air Force, where many firsts have been recorded in history.

According to the March 2002 issue of Airman magazine, the following women made great strides:

■ First woman to cross Atlantic Ocean solo (1932), Amelia Earhart

■ First woman in the Air Force (1948), Staff Sgt. Esther McGowin Blake

■ First woman to break the sound barrier (1953), Jacqueline Cochran

■ First female chief master sergeant (1960), Chief Master Sgt. Grace Peterson

■ First female promoted to general (1971), Brig. Gen. Jeanne Holm

■ First female chaplain (1973), 1st Lt. Lorraine K. Potter

■ First female accepted into AF Test Pilot School (1974), Capt. Leslie H. Kenne

■ Women became Basic Military Training Instructors (1975)

■ First female Air Force Academy cadet (1976), Joan Olsen

■ First women (10) graduate Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. (1977)

■ First Hispanic female graduates AF Academy (1980), Linda Garcia Cubero

■ First secretary of the Air Force (1993), Sheila Widnall

■ First female to fly combat missions (1995), Capt. Martha McSally

■ First female space shuttle commander (1999), Col. Eileen Collins

■ First female sniper school graduate (2001), Senior Airman Jennifer Donaldson

■ First female Aerial Gunner (2003), Airman 1st Class Vanessa Dobos

■ First female Thunderbird pilot (2006), Capt. Nicole Malachowski

Women need not only be recognized and honored for firsts, but should also be commended for their continuing bravery and courage and leadership.

Recently in Iraq, four women helped save a convoy. In another part of Iraq, Capt. LeeAnn Roberts, a coalition military assistance training team leader is the only female out of the 8,000 or so on this particular base. Her job is to train Iraqi recruits to protect their own country.

It’s amazing how far humans have come since the beginning of time, yet we still have so far to go. I doubt there will ever be a day when there will no longer be a “first” record, regardless of age, gender, religion, race or ethnicity.

So I encourage each and everyone of you—man or woman, young or old—to strive for your dreams, accomplish your goals and be builders of communities and dreams.

Women’s History Month

In 1987, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration of women’s history to the entire month of March.

Program streamlines training for IMAs

By 2nd Lt. Dustin Doyle

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN)—A partnership between Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Space Command may signal a change in the way individual mobilization augmentees train.

A common training assembly at Patrick AFB, Fla., earlier this month allowed more than 200 IMAs to fulfill more than 20 hours of training and readiness requirements. Typically, IMAs have to juggle their schedules and find time on their own to complete this kind of training throughout the year.

In the first day of the CTA, commanders and supervisors receive training on the ins-and-outs of the IMA program while the IMAs arrive or receive their required physical health assessment. The second and third days focus on fulfilling other ancillary training and readiness requirements.

“This is the first and only large program designed to fulfill all annual training requirements for IMAs,” said Lt. Col. Doug Young, program manager of Readiness Management Group Detachment 4, Peterson AFB, Colo. “In three days we are able to do everything from awareness briefings to hands-on buddy care training to physical fitness testing and health assessments.”

While the active duty is responsible for the actual training programs for these reservists, it’s the job of Air Force Reserve Command’s RMG to track IMAs to ensure they are mission-ready with the required training.

With more than 13,000 IMAs in the Air Force, finding the time and resources to fulfill training requirements for each IMA can be a daunting task.

“A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes before the first IMA even shows up,” Colonel Young said. “The teamwork between us and our active-duty counterparts is amazing, and we can all see the benefits in a group of well-trained, ready-to-fight IMAs.”

Col. James Rendleman, a past Reserve advisor to AFSPC Commander Gen. Lance Lord, pioneered the development of CTA as a way to coordinate active-duty training with Reserve accountability.

The program began in 2004 when Colonel Young received additional funding for the Reserve and approval from General Lord to use active-duty wing resources. In support of the CTA, General Lord made attendance mandatory for IMAs assigned or attached to Air Force Space Command.

Since 2004, the two major commands have worked together to hold 10 CTAs, resulting in more than 750 IMAs trained annually.

“Without AFSPC, these CTAs would not be possible,” Colonel Young said. “We offered (Air Force Space Command officials) part of a solution to a personnel problem, and they jumped right on board to make it happen.”

Since the addition of the Readiness Management Group in 2005, Col. Roxane Towner, RMG commander, has fully supported the CTA programs.

“The CTAs are an outstanding way to partner with the active duty to ensure training is accomplished in an effective manner,” Colonel Towner said. “Our IMAs are not simply receiving standardized training, but a sense of camaraderie and esprit de corps develops when they come together for a common purpose.”

While most major commands do not hold CTAs to train their IMAs, the program is becoming more popular. Both Air Force Special Operations Command and the Defense Information Systems Agency have held CTAs on a smaller scale.

“I see this as the IMA training program of the future,” Colonel Young said. “When all is said and done, it’s the most effective and efficient way to ensure our people are getting their required training.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

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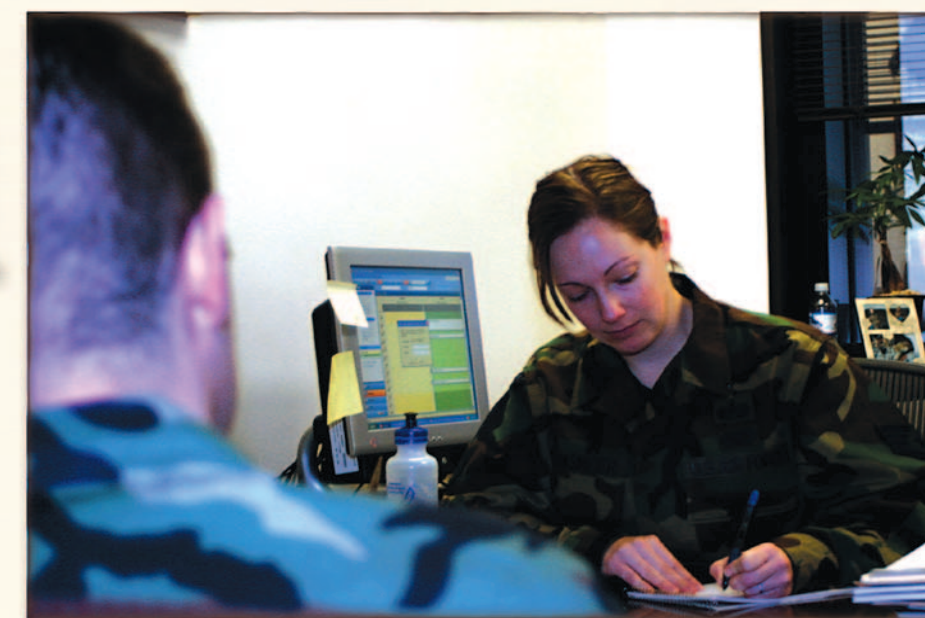
Area Defense Counsel

FAST FACTS:

- The area defense counsel assists in anything that can have a negative impact on a military member's career. ADC's primary loyalty is to the client.
- Neither Capt. Steven Smart, area defense counsel attorney, nor Staff Sgt. Katherine Marksmeier, defense paralegal, are under the command of anyone at Whiteman.
- If there is a conflict or Captain Smart is unable to assist a member due to TDY, the Chief Circuit Defense Counsel will assign an attorney from another base to represent the client.
- ADC helps everybody who comes in the door from the general court martial to a letter of counseling.
- On average, ADC has about 300 clients from all bases in the central circuit each year.
- For more information, call ADC at 687-5556. Hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. If you need immediate assistance from the ADC, call the command post at 687-3778.



Maj. Sloan Pye, 509th Bomb Wing assistant staff judge advocate, listens to Captain Smart as he prepares defense statements in a mock trial in the headquarters courtroom. "The ADC office provides criminal defense services to military members assigned to Whiteman, and other bases in the central circuit as determined by the CCDC," Captain Smart said. "The ADC's office can and does take positions contrary to that of the Air Force and the United States Government in furtherance of client interests."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Sergeant Marksmeier takes down information from a prospective client as she gears up for a future case. The ADC office is part of the Air Force Legal Services Agency at Bolling, Washington D.C. "The client can expect absolute honesty from us. That may include telling the member things they don't want to hear," Captain Smart said. "The client can expect our complete confidentiality and our best effort. We do expect complete truthfulness from the client as well. We can't properly defend someone without their candor."



Captain Smart hands court documents to Major Pye during mock proceedings that prepare attorneys for upcoming court cases. Military members are assisted under the area defense counsel charter in trials by court-martial, administrative discharge boards, non-judicial punishment, credentialing boards, and help with letters of counseling and reprimand, referral Enlisted Performance Reports and Officer Performance Reports, security clearance revocations, reports of survey and other adverse actions.

Prior to the 1970s, there was no independent defense counsel office in the Air Force. Prosecutors and defense attorneys were assigned on a case by case basis from the same legal office. "If you are in trouble or think you are in trouble, exercise your Article 31 rights to remain silent and speak to an attorney. Get your legal advice from our office, not your friends in the dorm, supervisor or first sergeant," Captain Smart said. "There is a defense to everything. It may not go to your guilt or innocence, but can be used as extenuation or mitigation."

509th EOD

captain earned medal

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Capt. William Frost, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight commander, was awarded the Bronze Star Jan. 20 for his efforts in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, when he deployed from Jan - June 2005.

While deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, Captain Frost served as the commander of the 506th EOD unit where his performance and dedication to duty were instrumental in creating a safe and secure environment for coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Once the captain and his personnel were in place, they knew time was of the essence. "There was a short spin-up period and I wanted to ensure that my troops and I were engaged quickly. The national elections were three weeks away and we knew that the insurgent attacks would increase, which they did," the native from Bayou La Batre, Ala., said. "We also were lacking in some critical resources that required quick action; these things were on my mind right away."

During his tenure as flight commander, Captain Frost maintained his troops readiness and morale while leading them to an unprecedented 1,055 successful combat missions and 330 improvised explosive device responses. At the time, it was the most recorded of any Air Force EOD unit in Air Force history.

"We were the sole EOD support for five Army forward operating bases covering 68,000 square miles of battle space at six geographically separated locations," he said. "My Airmen were trained by many other EOD troops who had already served in Iraq and Afghanistan, who dedicated time to ensure my Airmen had an idea what they were going to encounter prior to entering the area of

responsibility."

Captain Frost credited others who helped out en route to him earning the Bronze Star.

"I had tremendous leadership at the 506th Air Expeditionary Group in Kirkuk who trusted my decisions and provided me top cover from their leadership when it was required," he said. "I had a great support element with the Army EOD Battalion as well as U.S. Central Command Air Forces Civil Engineer who got me the resources critical to the mission when we needed them."

Captain Frost has been in the Air Force five years, as well as four years prior-service in the Navy, which included a job specialty of submarine navigation and fire control. He said he was inspired to join the Air Force because of his love for adventure and service. However, he is motivated by the people he works with, their families and the mission, working to make sure none are compromised.

"You can't go to Iraq and not have it impact you in some way," he said. "The EOD brothers with whom I deployed with will always be etched in my memory. They were truly a dedicated group of warriors."

Captain Frost mentioned his troops had incredible support from family and friends at home. They sent cards, care packages, e-mails and phone calls that kept morale high and the minds of the Airmen on the mission, he said.

As The Global War on Terror continues to task Air Force troops, Captain Frost, like many others, is prepared for his next role in the mission. Once again, he will be on his way to lead in the face of danger. His immediate goal is to go to and return from Iraq in an upcoming six-month deployment with the same troops with whom he deployed with, he said.

Capt. William Frost, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight commander, displays a 155 millimeter projectile encased in concrete.



Photo graphically enhanced by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

While Captain Frost encourages younger troops to stay focused and set an example, his not too distant memory reminds him of the most important aspect of receiving the Bronze Star. It wasn't the medal that's important; it was that all of his troops returned home with no injuries or accidents, he said.

"I earned my medal because I deployed with 31 awesome EOD Airmen, who sacrificed a lot of time, effort and energy ensuring the safety and security of their fellows," Captain Frost said.

This space reserved for ads

Bad weather battle plan

When the weather turns bad listen to these stations for base closures and delays.

Kansas City TV

KMBC Channel 9 (ABC)
KSHB Channel 41 (NBC)
WDAF Channel 4 (FOX)

Warrensburg Radio

KOKO (1450 AM)
KCMW (90.9 FM)
KWKJ (98.5 FM)

Kansas City Radio

KBEQ (104.3 FM)
KFKF (94.1 FM)
KPRS (103.3 FM)
WDAF (106.5 FM)
KMBZ (980 AM)
KDUL (98.1 FM)

Clinton Radio KLRQ (96.1 FM)
KDKD (1280 AM and 95.3 FM)

Sedalia Radio

KDRO (1490 AM)
KSYS (1050 AM)
KSDL (92.1 FM)
KXXK (105.7 FM)

Base members can also tune in to Channel 99 on base, visit www.whiteman.af.mil or call the Straight Talk Line at 687-NEWS (6397).



Joining the blue

Staff Sgt. Kevin Walker, Air Force recruiter in Sedalia, reviews the application process of recruiting new members with Jessica Westmoreland, March 10. Sergeant Walker, along with Tech. Sgt. Larry Myers, Air Force recruiter, have had their doors open for business at the new Sedalia location since January. The office is located in the State Fair shopping center at 1400 S. Limit Ave., Suite 77. The office is open 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday- Friday, and by appointment only on Saturdays. For more information call the office at 660-827-0351.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Team Whiteman Community

Chapel offers class for teens

The base chapel offers an abstinence and relationship education class for teens 4-6 p.m. at the teen center Sundays through April 30. Supper will be provided.

Volunteer opportunities

Missouri Veterans Homes offer excellent volunteer opportunities for individuals who would like to serve veterans.

There are a wide variety of opportunities ranging from companionship with individuals, working with groups to clerical tasks.

For more information, call Teresa Collins at 543-5064, or e-mail her at Teresa.Collins@mvc.dps.mo.gov.

WESC and WOSC offer scholarships

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses Club and Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club 2006 scholarship program is now underway.

Applications for both scholarship programs may be downloaded from the WESC's website at www.whitemanesc.com. Click on the activities link, followed by the scholarship link.

High school seniors may pick up information and applications from their high school guidance counselors, the base library, and the base education office. Applicants must be: a high school senior, the dependent of an active duty, Guard/Reserve, retired, deceased or MIA/POW member, residing in the local area, and graduating from a high school within 75 miles of Whiteman. Students are required to send a: complete high school transcript, a resume, ACT/SAT scores, and an essay.

Spouse applications are available at the base library, family support, the base education office and through either the WOSC or WESC. Spouses must be: the spouse of an active duty, Guard/Reserve, retired, deceased, or MIA/POW member, a high school graduate, pursuing an undergraduate degree, planning to be enrolled as a full-time student in the fall. The application requires: a completed application, one letter of recommendation and an essay.

All applicants will be judged on leadership ability, personal goals, academic achievement, volunteer and community activities, essay and interview.

Completed applications can be sent to one of these addresses:

Kristen Brechwald
703 Shamrock Lane
Warrensburg, MO 64093

or

Sheri Marler
108 Travis Lane
Whiteman AFB, MO 65305

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday. Possible winning applicants will be interviewed April 8 and interviews are required to be considered for the scholarship. The winners will be announced April 27.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Class helps spouses with virtual jobs

A class is available to teach military spouses about the latest career in virtual business, to create a new career choice for the "nomadic" spouse.

Class are offered 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-March 31. Reserve a spot early as seating is limited to 10 people.

You must be able to commit to all three training sessions in order to qualify for a training slot.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move stateside in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are required.

Special at Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday for all E-5s and below and their family members.

The Attic will also have an All Ranks Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and March 31.

Air Force moves

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- Small lake
- Nickname for only General of the Air Force
- WWII mil. vehicle
- Slither
- Rope with weights attached
- Major or minor
- House hunting or delay en route entitlement
- Mil. quick
- Type of reimbursable HHG movement
- Non-temporary ____; paid holding of HHG while at austere base
- Detached
- Tiger's org.
- Oriental metal pan
- California mount
- USAF org. who handles flights, reservations
- New Zealand native
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- Grads

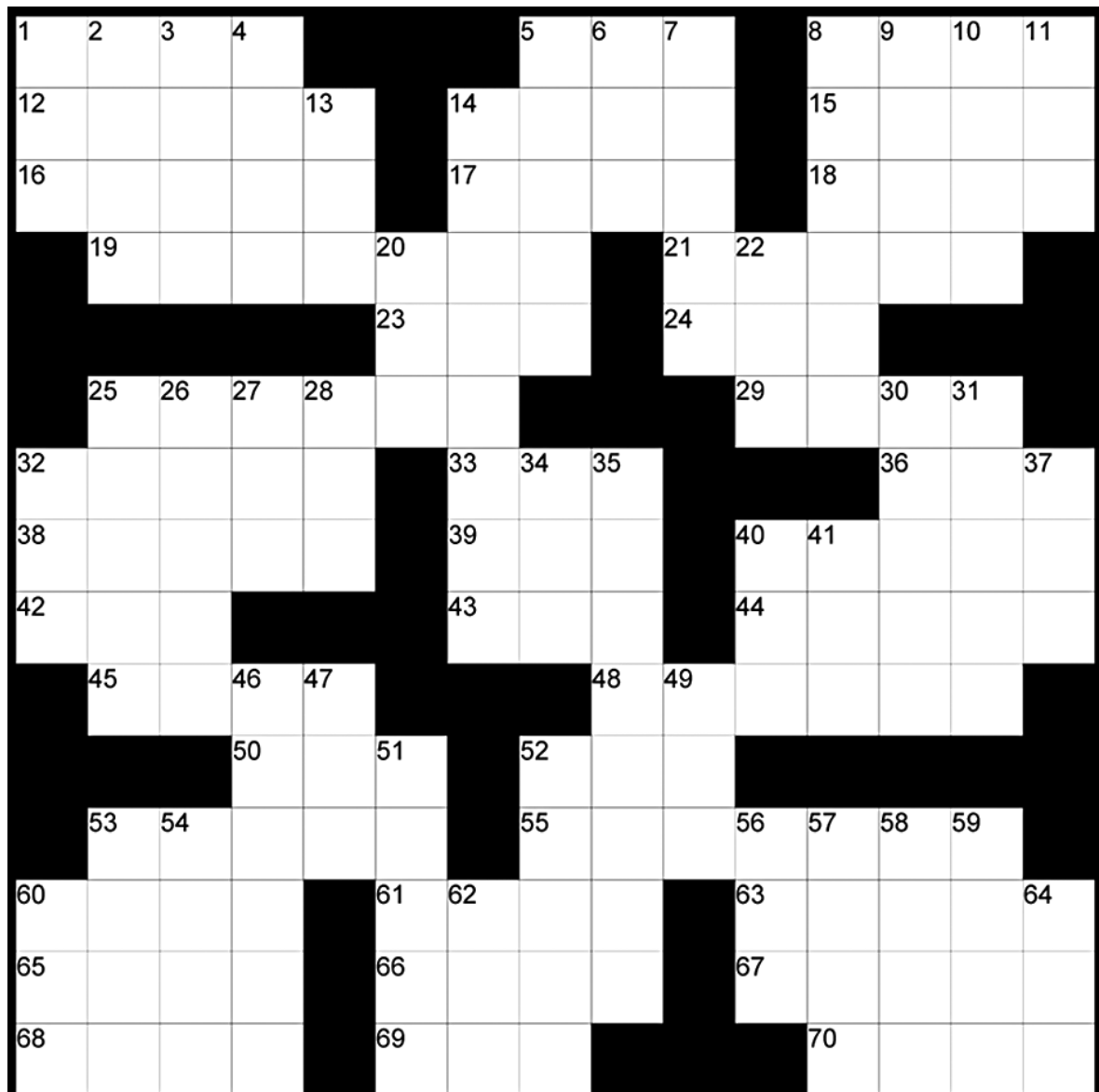
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- Original computer operating system, in short
- USAF PME
- Stateside base designation
- Dodge vehicle
- Black eye
- Yanks' Civil War opponent
- Health spot
- Emblem
- Temporary expense allowance at stateside base (up to 10 days)
- Colorless
- Row
- Nonchalant
- Scent
- Restore
- Stare with malice
- Where pets must go before PCS
- Bark sharply
- Cast off

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- AAA league
- Mining goals
- Tidy
- 80s band
- Hebrew prophet
- Maxwell AFB St.
- SE deciduous tree
- Japanese fighter
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March 17 solutions



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- Necessary item if PCS-ing overseas
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- Must item before setting PCS appointments
- Pos. opposite
- Owned
- Seamstress Ross
- Doze
- Commanded

- Much
- Joke
- Trouble
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- 2000 presidential candidate
- Overseas basing shipping entitlement
- Ain't ____ shame
- G-man


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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center
 687-5496

Beat the Heat!
Get a relay team together for the second annual Beat the Heat 20K.
7:30 a.m. April 14 at the Royal Oaks golf course.
Form a team, run 5K individually or take on the whole 20K.
Sign up at the fitness center or call with any questions.

Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets and Travel
 687-5565

Privately owned vehicle resale lot

Looking to sell your car, boat, recreational vehicle, trailer or all terrain vehicle? Call into outdoor recreation for a permit and park your vehicle on the resale lot off Vandenburg. The permit costs \$5 for two weeks.

Royal Oaks
 687-5573

Demo day and sidewalk sale

Try out the new lines of Mizuno and Cobra golf clubs, 3-6 p.m. April 6 at the Royal Oaks driving range or come and browse the pro-shop sale bargains 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on display outside the club house.

Free golf!

Purchase any adult entree at the Royal Oaks Steak House before April 30 and receive a free round of golf. The steak house is open 5-8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. No reservations required.

Mission's End
 687-4422

Karaoke

Free karaoke for club members, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. tonight in the Lavene Lounge, Mission's End.

Stars and Strikes
 687-5114

Saturday night color pin

A color pin tournament starts 7 p.m. every Saturday at the Stars and Strikes. \$15 to enter, jackpots and \$1-\$5 prizes, game prizes (9-pin no tap). Just come along and play for a great night of bowling.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center
 687-5691

Scrapbooking class

Get inspiration or learn new skills at the scrapbooking class, 1-3 p.m. Thursday at arts and crafts. The class costs \$10 plus supplies. Sign up by noon Wednesday.

Stained glass class

Create a beautiful stained glass panel in the open enrollment, six-week, Thursday night classes at the arts and crafts center. The class meets 6-9 pm and costs \$45 plus supplies. Sign up one day prior to starting.

Beginner jewelry

Learn the basic skills to start making your own beautiful necklaces and earrings. The class takes place 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the arts and crafts center and the cost is \$15 plus supplies. Sign up by noon Monday.

Tell us how we're doing @ <https://ice.disa.mil>



Interactive Customer Evaluation

The 509th Services Squadron relies on you, our customers, to let us know what we're doing well and perhaps not so well. Please help us to exceed your expectations by providing us customer feedback via ICE or simply fill out a comment card at the facility you visit. We want to hear from you!

Community Center
 687-5617

Easter cards to go

Join in the card making party, 1-3 p.m. March 25 at the community center. The cards will be sent to our deployed troops. If you can't make it to the party, bring your handmade cards to the community center before March 25. No envelope necessary.

Snakes alive - no foolin'!

Get to know some of nature's most misunderstood animals. Meet and touch live snakes - don't forget the camera - and enjoy a short film about snakes in Missouri. The event takes place 2-3 p.m. April 1 at the community center and is free.

Teen Center
 687-5819

Weekly activities

From web design to mural painting, writing outstanding job applications to promoting activities, there's something for every 13- to 18-year-old at the teen center's evening activities, Monday through Thursday. Free for members, \$1 for nonmembers. Contact the teen center for details.

Youth Center
 687-5586

Kids' night out spring celebration

Children ages 6-9 years old are invited to celebrate spring with a special kids night out. There will be lots of games, activities and a spring craft. The party takes place 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 31 at the teen center. Sign ups begin Monday. The event costs \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

Youth baseball

T-ball and coach pitch baseball for 5- to 9-year-olds starts at the end of April. Register now by picking up a packet from the youth center administration offices - room D in the Community Center. Packets available 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Completed packets

must be turned in 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 5-7. T-ball costs \$40 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Games start mid-May.

Volunteer coach training

Volunteers are needed to coach the youth t-ball and coach pitch teams. Pick up an application, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday from the youth center administration offices in room D of the community center. Free coach training takes place 5-7:30 p.m. April 6. Sign up by March 30.

Family Child Care
 687-1180

Orientation Class

Receive training to become a licensed family child care provider on Whiteman AFB from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., April 10 - 14. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. The program needs providers who are willing to care for children during swing and evening shifts and children with special needs. Stop by the office to pick up a registration package. Registration must be received by the Wednesday prior to the class.

Child Development Center
 687-5588

Developmental enrichment program

The child development center has openings for 3- to 5-year-olds in the Tuesday and Thursday morning developmental enrichment sessions. Children must have turned 3 by Aug. 30 to be eligible.

Library
 687-5614

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. when 3-to 5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

Earth Day 2006

Celebrate Earth Day 2006, 11 a.m.-noon, April 22 in the library's Periodical Room. Do you have a favorite environmental reading, poem or story - about nature, conservation, preservation, environmental problems, or other environmental themes? If so, please bring it along to share with the other participants. Neil Bass, 509 CES/CEVP, will serve as the program's facilitator as well as bring other reading material for the program participants to discuss.

Veterinary Clinic
 687-2667

Future pet owners

Every day across communities in America a bond is broken. It's the bond between people and their pets, resulting in millions of pets being surrendered to shelters every year. A decision to bring a new pet home is not one to be taken lightly. The veterinary clinic is here to help you in making decisions about buying or adopting a new pet. Literature is available regarding pet care, training and breed specific advice or speak to the knowledgeable staff. Call or stop by the clinic.

Movie Schedule

7 p.m. Friday	
Final Destination 3	R
Starring-Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Ryan Merriman	
7 p.m. Saturday	
Something New	PG-13
Starring-Sanaa Lathun, Simon Baker and Mike Epps	
3 p.m. Sunday	
When a Stranger Calls	PG-13
Starring-Camilla Belle and Katie Cassidy	
Adults: \$3.50	Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110	
Movies subject to change due to availability. For current and future movie listings see www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm	